GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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EPILEPSY
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several drugs used for treating epilepsy do not contain the standard quantity of formulations causing toxic reactions in some patients;

(b) whether a five-day meet on the Reduction of Childhood Neuromorbidity was convened in Delhi;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations made in this regard; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (c) A SAARC Expert Group meeting on reduction of childhood neuromorbidity was held at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi in January, 2000 and a view was expressed that anti-epileptic drug formulations available in SAARC countries has varying composition and this may lead to under/over dosages.

(d) Manufacturing licences for the drug formulations in India are granted by the State Licensing authorities.The various antiepileptic formulations marketed in the country would be examined in consultation with the experts for streamlining the composition of the drugs.